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* A COMPANION TO THE REVISED OLD TESTAMENT. By Talbot W. Chambers. New York: *Funk & Wagnalls*. Price, $1.50.

† THE ERRORS OF EVOLUTION. An Examination of the Nebular Theory, Geological Evolution, the Origin of Life, and Darwinism. By Robert Patterson. Boston: *H. L. Hastings*. Small 8vo pp. 271.